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## ENTIRELY TOO ARBITRARY TO SUIT

House Committee on Judiciary Votes to Impeach Charles Swayne, Federal Judge in Florida District.

Labors Under the Impression That He Is Possessor of the Whole Earth.

## OFTEN AWAY FROM CIRCUIT

Session of Congress Will Be Prolonged if Proceedings Are Carried Into the Upper House.

Washington, March 21.—The house committee on judiciary today voted to impeach Charles Swayne, federal judge for the district of Florida. The committee reached this conclusion at a session lasting from 2 to 6 o'clock. The vote and details of the charges, which will form the ground for impeachment, the committee agreed to withhold until a report on the case had been completed for presentation to the house.

While the committee has voted to give out no details at present, it is known that the charges on which the testimony was taken includes those of being absent from his circuit, being non-resident of his district, imprisoning a lawyer in contempt proceedings, imprisoning a son of a litigant, also for contempt of court, and for refusing to hear certain witnesses in a case before him, alleging he would not believe the witnesses under oath. The last impeachment proceedings were cases against Andrew Johnson. Only three federal judges have been impeached. The proceedings against Judge Swayne, if carried to the senate, undoubtedly will delay for several weeks adjournment of the present session of congress. If the senate decides against Judge Swayne, the penalty attached to the decision is the loss of his judgeship.

Swayne was appointed from Delaware by President Harrison in 1890. In politics he is a republican.

Blossom Fete Promised. San Jose, March 21.—A blossom fete for the early part of April is being arranged by the Woman's Club of this city. The date has not yet been selected, but it will be sometime between the first and fifteenth. At that time the orchards will be in full bloom and the gardens in the city will be at their best. San Jose has always been famous for her floral shows and it is expected that the ladies of San Jose will sustain their former reputation. There is to be a big floral parade in the morning, with games and sports of all kinds in the afternoon at Agricultural park. Handsomely decorated carriages and automobiles and floats will be in line. At the exercises in the afternoon there will be a battle of roses, and mounted horsemen, all bedecked with flowers, will compete for honors in games and races. Artillery companies from San Francisco will be present at that time and take part in the event with drills. All women's clubs of the city and county will assist the Woman's Club in the show. The proceeds of the event are to go to the building fund of the Woman's Club.

## LOOKING FOR HEIR.

Hugh Grealey Can Have \$500 by Calling for It.

San Francisco, March 21.—The detective department has been working on a mysterious disappearance case for the last three weeks and finally has given up the case as a mystery. The much sought person is Hugh Grealey, formerly of Parsons, Kan., who fell heir to a small sum a few months ago and then suddenly vanished.

Grealey was left about \$500 by his grandmother, who died recently. He had a quarrel with his father, and came to this city last October. He called at the office of Phillips & Adams, attorneys, and told them the story of his grandmother's will and asked them to get the money for him. It being held in trust by his father till he should attain his twenty-first birthday.

Young Grealey became of age on January 9. In the meantime Mr. Phillips communicated with the elder Grealey and secured the money for the son, who promised to call around the next day, sign the papers and claim his inheritance. He did not keep his promise and subsequent inquiry revealed the fact that he had disappeared.

He was staying with a family named Pearson at 337 Tehama street, and a strange feature of the case is that the Pearsons moved on the day that Grealey disappeared and nothing has been heard of them since. Attorney Phillips put the case in the hands of the detectives and after working for three weeks the sleuths confessed that they were unable to solve the mystery.

## RUMORED THAT PORT ARTHUR IS NOW OCCUPIED BY A FORCE OF JAPANESE

Combined Attack on Saturday and Sunday Followed by Evacuation by the Russians, Cables a Newspaper Correspondent.

Division of Brown Men Engage Russians After Effecting Landing on Liao Tung Peninsula, While Fleet Keeps Up Bombardment From the Sea for Two Days—Slays Encounter at Chyeng Syong Results in 600 Russians Dead.

London, March 22.—A number of rumors are printed in the newspapers here this morning, but they must be accepted with great reserve.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent cables of the Japanese occupation of Port Arthur after a combined land and sea attack Saturday and Sunday. It is asserted that a division of Japanese landed on Liao Tung peninsula Saturday and engaged the Russians near Port Arthur, while the fleet bombarded from Saturday evening until Sunday morning.

The same correspondent reports that a sharp encounter at Chyeng Syong, on the Yalu river, about 80 miles north-east of Wiju, in which the Russians lost 600 killed or wounded.

The correspondent at Tientsin of the Daily Mail reports that Katao, a Japanese merchant and Russian spy, has been assassinated by being buried alive, but the Japanese authorities dis-

avow any knowledge of the assassination.

## Fleet Undergoes Repairs.

Paris, March 22.—The correspondent of Figaro at Rose says repairs to the fleet are actively proceeding, in order that the vessels may be ready to meet the Russian Baltic fleet. It is intended, according to information received from the Japanese legation, to have the fleet in perfect condition by the end of June, and therefore further bombardments of fortified places are improbable, and especially as the artillery equipment of several battleships is being changed.

## Sea Fight in Progress.

Yinkow, March 22.—Firing was heard off the coast apparently about six miles to the southward, 14 shots having been heard between 7 and 7:30 o'clock this morning. The morning was hazy and it was impossible to distinguish objects at sea. Creditable report has reached here that two cruisers and five gunboats were off Kinchow yesterday.

## LONGER LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED TO MR. KABOTH

Absent Councilman Will Be Home in Few Days—Unknown Resident Kicks About Improvement.

Councilman Nordstrom last night called the attention of his fellow-aldermen to the vacant seat which has been in the council for more than a year past. This seat belongs to Councilman Kaboth, who has been in Germany for many months. "That seat ought to be occupied," said Mr. Nordstrom. "If I am correctly informed, Mr. Kaboth was granted a leave of absence of six months, and he has been away 12 or 14 months. He is a member of the ways and means committee, of which I am chairman, and I have a notion to strike. The seat ought to be declared vacant."

City Attorney Smith said Mr. Kaboth had written him some time ago, asking that he request the council to grant a further leave of absence. He had forgotten to present the request to the council. Mr. Smith added that Mr. Kaboth was now on his way home.

Mr. Morton—I move that further leave of absence be granted Mr. Kaboth.

Mr. Nordstrom—That's all right with me. I am willing to let him stay away for a month or two longer if there's any assurance he's ever coming back.

Mr. Robinson—I have been assured he will be in the city within a few days.

Mr. Morton—It seems to me we ought to be proud of a member who is financially able to take a European trip.

Mr. Morton then introduced a resolution granting Mr. Kaboth a leave until April 15, and the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

## No Fireworks This Year.

Mr. Burns stated that he had talked with Police Commissioner Gordon about the advisability of limiting the fireworks display on the Fourth and other occasions. He pointed out that there had frequently been many accidents in the city, and he agreed with Mr. Gordon that some action should be taken before the local stores secured their fireworks stocks. He thought the

use of large crackers, bombs, cannons, etc., ought to be prohibited.

City Attorney Smith said he had talked with Mr. Gordon about the matter, and had promised to frame the necessary ordinance. However, he had been unable to get it in shape for the present meeting, but would have it two weeks hence.

## Fish Warden's Complaint.

Fish Warden Van Dusen presented a communication calling attention to the violation of the laws prohibiting the throwing of sawdust and kindred stuff into the Columbia. He said the accumulations from the streets were dumped into the river by the street cleaning department, and he asked the council to put a stop to the practice. He said the practice was calculated to jeopardize the fishing interests of the state, and he was of the opinion Astorians should be first to observe the law. The communication was referred to the street committee and city attorney. Mr. Morton pointed out that the refuse from the engine houses was thrown into the river, and he concluded the circumstance demonstrated that the committee on public property might make a hit by providing for a dumping ground, where such refuse might be taken care of.

## Fenders for Street Cars.

An ordinance requiring all street cars to be provided with fenders was introduced. The bill stipulated that Hunter drop fenders be used, and this specification did not meet with approval. Mr. Hansen said the fenders, which are now in use, are too far back under the cars, and expressed the belief the fenders should protrude more. Mr. Leinenweber thought the fenders would be of little practicable use, because of the large number of raised planks along the car tracks, which would prevent the fenders from reaching the track. Mr. Belland thought the bill should go over, and to this Mr. Burns, the father of the ordinance, agreed.

Against Blocking Crossings. In accordance with the protest filed

by Quarantine Officer Earle, the committee on wharves and waterfrontage offered an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to leave cars standing on street intersections for a greater length of time than 30 minutes. The bill makes violation punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. It will be brought up for final action at the next meeting.

## More Salary for Mr. Kearney.

Mr. Burns presented an ordinance raising the salary of the superintendent of streets from \$75 to \$85 monthly. He said nearly all of the other city officials had been blessed in this manner, and, as Mr. Kearney was a gentleman and a scholar and a mighty good street superintendent, the councilman believed he was entitled to a raise. Mr. Burns asked unanimous consent for suspension of the rules and final passage of the bill, but Mr. Belland interposed an objection that delayed action for two weeks.

## Minor Matters.

Isaac Bergman, George A. Nelson and Aemus Brix, the viewers appointed to appraise the damage to the property condemned by the city for widening Duane street at the connection to be made near Fourteenth, presented their report, which was adopted.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Ninth street from Bond to Franklin avenue, was passed.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Fifth street from Exchange to Irving avenue was passed. Cement sidewalks are to be built on this thoroughfare.

Resolutions declaring the intention of the council to re-establish the grades of Commercial street from Forty-fourth to Forty-fifth, Forty-fourth from Duane to Commercial and Duane from Forty-third to Forty-fourth provoked lengthy discussion, but all three were finally adopted. A resolution was also adopted declaring the council's intention to re-establish the grade of Thirty-sixth street from Duane to Franklin avenue.

A resolution directing the city engineer to report the best method of improving Ninth street from Franklin to Jerome avenue, and directing the street superintendent and city attorney to cause the removal of all houses on Franklin avenue from Thirty-sixth street to the claim line, was adopted.

The bid of Birch & Jacobsen for improving Exchange street from Thirtieth to Fourteenth was accepted by resolution.

An order was placed with the Astoria Iron Works yesterday to furnish machinery for a cannery plant to be erected on the Coquille river. The Prosper Canning Company, of which Samuel Naas is superintendent, will operate the new concern.

## TORNADO HITS A MISSOURI TOWN

One Man Mortally Hurt, Horses Killed, Trees Torn Up, Houses Demolished and Streets Filled With Debris.

Hail Accompanies Wind Storm, Falling in Terrific Force—Size Not Given.

## KEEPS IN A NARROW PATH

Two Neighboring Towns Also Storm Swept, and While Reports Are Meager, Much Damage Results.

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—A special to the Times from Higginsville, Mo., says:

Fifty buildings are partly wrecked, one man is mortally injured and several others hurt, the town is in darkness and the streets strewn with debris, as the result of a tornado and hail storm which struck this place late this afternoon. Hail on the streets was a foot deep within five minutes after the storm came. Dozens of trees in the town were blown down and several horses were killed in the street. The tornado kept within a narrow path, only about two blocks of the business portion of the town being damaged.

Two other towns in this section were in the path of the storm, and both have populations of about 500. According to meager reports that are received here tonight, several houses in both places have been wrecked. A grocery store in the business part of this place was wrecked by the storm. John Dolphen, a clerk, was mortally injured.

## Ballot Case Reversed.

St. Louis, March 21.—The United States court of appeals today reversed the case of Letson Balliet, of Baker City, Ore., against the United States, and ordered a new trial. Balliet was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary on the charge of having used the mails to defraud in connection with promoting mining schemes.

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